

AMENDED CLAIMS:**CLAIMS:**

1. (currently amended): A method in a data processing system for simplifying a graphical representation of code, the code having a plurality of related elements, wherein a first of the plurality of related elements corresponds to a first participant in a pattern, and wherein a second of the plurality of related elements corresponds to a second participant in the pattern, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving a request to further simplify a portion of the preexisting graphical representation of the code associated with the pattern;

determining that the first and the second related elements are related to each other;

displaying a representative symbol in lieu of the preexisting graphical representation of the first and the second related elements responsive to determining that the first and the second related elements are related to each other;

displaying a pattern collapsed tag in association with the representative symbol;

displaying a pattern name in association with the representative symbol;

displaying an identification for the first related element in association with the representative symbol; and

displaying an identification for the second related element in association with the representative symbol, wherein the steps are performed by working directly with the code without using a repository for the code.

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2. (previously amended): The method of claim 1, wherein the determining step comprises the step of searching a semantic comment field in the code for identification information.
3. (previously amended): The method of claim 1, wherein the determining step comprises the step of searching the code directly for a naming convention related to the first and second participant.
4. (previously amended): The method of claim 1, wherein the determining step comprises the step of searching the code directly for a pattern construct related to the first participant.
5. (original): The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of detecting a third related element in the code corresponding to a third participant in the pattern, wherein the representative symbol is further displayed in lieu of the graphical representation of the third related element.
6. (original): The method of claim 1 further comprising the steps of: receiving a modification to the representative symbol; and editing a portion of the code reflecting the modification to the representative symbol.
7. (currently amended): A method in a data processing system for simplifying a graphical representation of code, the code having a first related element corresponding to a first participant in a pattern and a second related element corresponding to a second participant in the pattern, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving a request to further simplify a portion of the preexisting graphical representation of the code associated with the pattern wherein the preexisting graphical representation of the code is built directly from the source code;

detecting that the first and the second related elements are related to each other;

displaying a representative symbol in lieu of the preexisting graphical

representation of the first and the second related elements responsive to

determining that the first and the second related elements are related to

each other; and

displaying a pattern collapsed tag in association with the representative symbol,

wherein the steps are performed by working directly with the code without

using a repository for the code.

8. (previously amended): The method of claim 7, wherein the determining step comprises the step of searching the code for identification information in a semantic comment field in the code.
9. (original): The method of claim 7, wherein the determining step comprises the step of searching the code for a naming convention related to the first participant.
10. (original): The method of claim 7, wherein the determining step comprises the step of searching the code for a pattern construct related to the first participant.
11. (currently amended): The method of claim 7, wherein the code has a third related element corresponding to a third participant in a pattern, the method further comprising the step of:

determining that the third related element is related to the first and the second

related element; and

displaying the representative symbol in lieu of the preexisting graphical

representation of the third related element responsive to detecting that the

first, the second and the third related elements are related to each other.

12. (original): The method of claim 7 further comprising the steps of:

receiving a modification to the representative symbol; and
editing a portion of the code reflecting the modification to the representative symbol.

13. (currently amended): A method in a data processing system for simplifying a graphical representation of code, the code having a first related element corresponding to a first participant in a pattern and a second related element corresponding to a second participant in the pattern, the method comprising the steps of:

determining that the first and the second related elements are related to each other; and

displaying a representative symbol in lieu of the preexisting graphical representation of the first and the second related elements responsive to determining that the first and the second related elements are related to each other, wherein the steps are performed by working directly with the code without using a repository for the code.

14. (previously amended): The method of claim 13, wherein the determining step comprises the step of searching the code for identification information in a semantic comment field in the code.

15. (original): The method of claim 13, wherein the determining step comprises the step of searching the code for a naming convention related to the first participant.

16. (original): The method of claim 13, wherein the determining step comprises the step of searching the code for a pattern construct related to the first participant.

17. (currently amended): The method of claim 13, further comprising the step of:
detecting a third related element in the code corresponding to a third participant in the pattern, wherein the representative symbol is further displayed in lieu

of the preexisting graphical representation of the third related element.

18. (original) The method of claim 13 further comprising the steps of:
receiving a modification to the representative symbol; and
editing a portion of the code reflecting the modification to the representative symbol.
19. (currently amended): A computer-readable medium containing instructions for controlling a data processing system to perform a method, the data processing system having code having a plurality of related elements, wherein a first of the plurality of related elements corresponds to a first participant in a pattern, and a second of the plurality of related elements corresponds to a second participant in the pattern, the method comprising the steps of:
receiving a request to further simplify a portion of the preexisting graphical representation of the code associated with the pattern;
determining that the first and the second related elements are related to each other;
displaying a representative symbol in lieu of the preexisting graphical representation of the first and the second related elements responsive to determining that the first and the second related elements are related to each other;
displaying a pattern collapsed tag in association with the representative symbol;
displaying a pattern name in association with the representative symbol;
displaying an identification for the first related element in association with the representative symbol; and
displaying an identification for the second related element in association with the

representative symbol, wherein the steps are performed by working directly with the code without using a repository for the code.

20. (previously amended): The computer-readable medium of claim 19, wherein the determining step comprises the step of searching the code for identification information in a semantic comment field in the code.

21. (original): The computer-readable medium of claim 19, wherein the determining step comprises the step of searching the code for a naming convention related to the first participant.

22. (original): The computer-readable medium of claim 19, wherein the determining step comprises the step of searching the code for a pattern construct related to the first participant.

23. (currently amended): The computer-readable medium of claim 19, wherein the method further comprises the step of:

detecting a third related element in the code corresponding to a third participant in the pattern, wherein the representative symbol is further displayed in lieu of the preexisting graphical representation of the third related element.

24. (original): The computer-readable medium of claim 19, wherein the method further comprises the steps of:

receiving a modification to the representative symbol; and
editing a portion of the code reflecting the modification to the representative symbol.

25. (currently amended): A computer-readable medium containing instructions for controlling a data processing system to perform a method, the data processing system having code having a first related element corresponding to a first participant in a pattern

and a second related element corresponding to a second participant in the pattern, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving a request to further simplify a portion of the preexisting graphical

representation of the code associated with the pattern;

detecting that the first and the second related elements are related to each other;

displaying a representative symbol in lieu of the preexisting graphical

representation of the first and the second related elements responsive to

determining that the first and the second related elements are related to

each other; and

displaying a pattern collapsed tag in association with the representative symbol,

wherein the steps are performed by working directly with the code without

using a repository for the code.

26. (previously amended): The computer-readable medium of claim 25, wherein the determining step comprises the step of searching the code for identification information in a semantic comment field in the code.

27. (original): The computer-readable medium of claim 25, wherein the determining step comprises the step of searching the code for a naming convention related to the first participant.

28. (original): The computer-readable medium of claim 25, wherein the determining step comprises the step of searching the code for a pattern construct related to the first participant.

29. (original): The computer-readable medium of claim 25, wherein the method further comprises the step of:

detecting a third related element in the code corresponding to a third participant in

the pattern, wherein the representative symbol is further displayed in lieu of the preexisting graphical representation of the third related element.

30. (original): The computer-readable medium of claim 25, wherein the method further comprises the steps of:

receiving a modification to the representative symbol; and
editing a portion of the code reflecting the modification to the representative symbol.

31. (previously amended): A computer-readable medium containing instructions for controlling a data processing system to perform a method, the data processing system having code having a first related element and a second related element, the method comprising the steps of:

detecting that the first and the second related elements are related to each other;
and

displaying a representative symbol in lieu of the preexisting graphical representation of the first and the second related elements responsive to determining that the first and the second related elements are related to each other, wherein the steps are performed by working directly with the code without using a repository for the code.

32. (previously amended): The computer-readable medium of claim 31, wherein the determining step comprises the step of searching the code for identification information in a semantic comment field in the code.

33. (original): The computer-readable medium of claim 31, wherein the determining step comprises the step of searching the code for a naming convention related to the first participant.

34. (original): The computer-readable medium of claim 31, wherein the determining step comprises the step of searching the code for a pattern construct related to the first participant.

35. (currently amended): The computer-readable medium of claim 31, wherein the method further comprises the step of detecting a third related element in the code corresponding to a third participant in the pattern, wherein the representative symbol is further displayed in lieu of the preexisting graphical representation of the third related element.

36. (original): The computer-readable medium of claim 31, wherein the method further comprises the steps of:

receiving a modification to the representative symbol; and
editing a portion of the code reflecting the modification to the representative symbol.

37. (currently amended): A data processing system comprising:
a secondary storage device further comprising code having a first related element corresponding to a first participant in a pattern and a second related element corresponding to a second participant in the pattern;
a memory device further comprising a program that
receives a request to further simplify a portion of a preexisting graphical representation of the code associated with the pattern, that
determines whether the first and the second related elements are related to each other, that
displays a representative symbol in lieu of the preexisting graphical

representation of the first related element and the second related element responsive to the first and the second related elements being related to each other, and that

displays a pattern collapsed tag in a processor for running the program, wherein the steps are performed by working directly with the code without using a repository for the code.

38. (previously amended): The data processing system of claim 37, wherein when determining that the first and the second related elements are related to each other, the program searches the code for identification information in a semantic comment field in the code.

39. (original): The data processing system of claim 37, wherein when determining that the first and the second related elements are related to each other, the program searches the code for a naming convention related to the first participant.

40. (original): The data processing system of claim 37, wherein when determining that the first and the second related elements are related to each other, the program searches the code for a pattern construct related to the first participant.

41. (currently amended): The data processing system of claim 37, wherein the program further detects a third related element in the code corresponding to a third participant in the pattern, wherein the representative symbol is further displayed in lieu of the preexisting graphical representation of the third related element.

42. (original): The data processing system of claim 37, wherein the program further: receives a modification to the representative symbol; and edits a portion of the code reflecting the modification to the representative symbol.

43. (currently amended): A system for further simplifying a preexisting graphical representation of code, the code having a first related element and a second related element, the system comprising:

means for determining that the first and the second related elements are related to each other; and

means for displaying a representative symbol in lieu of the preexisting graphical representation of the first and the second related elements responsive to detecting that the first and the second related elements are related to each other, wherein the steps are performed by working directly with the code without using a repository for the code.